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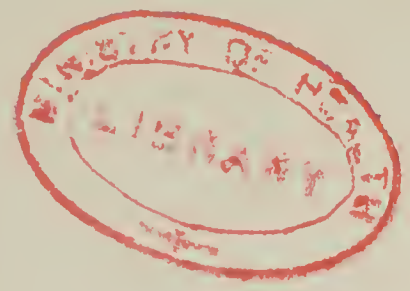

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1939.

WORSLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman of the Council: A.J. Salt, Esq., J.P.

The Public Health Committee comprises all members of the Council.

Chairman of Committee: J. Pennington Esq., J.P.
Vice-chairman of Committee: Councillor R. Tart.

Clerk of the Council: H. Lomax Esq.

Medical Officer of Health: T.E. Flitcroft, L.R.C.P.,D.P.H. Resigned 31st March, 1940.

C.H.T. Wade, M.D., BSc., D.P.H. Appointed 1st April, 1940.

Chief Sanitary Inspector: W. Allen Esq., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector: T. Isherwood, M.R.S.I., M.I.H.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WORSLEY. July, 1940.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present an interim report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district. This report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 2067, of the 19th July, and Circular 1901, of the 10th February, 1940. The Minister of Health requests that interim reports only should be made for the year 1939, confined to urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year. All records are being preserved so that after the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, giving separate statistics for each year in order that the annual records may be continuous and complete.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

There has been no excessive mortality during the year, nor has there been any specially noteworthy cause of sickness or invalidity.

Despite the outbreak of war, the work of the department has been carried on without serious restriction, except in connection with housing. The district has been almost unaffected by any movements of population, civil or military, and there is no outstanding matter worthy of comment.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

There has been no change in these services during the year. Details are outlined in previous reports.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No important changes have taken place, the usual inspections of premises have been carried out.

HOUSING.

One hundred and twenty-four houses were completed by the Council. Clearance Areas in Little Hulton West Ward were completed and the tenants re-housed on three new sites - Peel Park, The Rothwells and Clegg's Lane.

A Clearance Order obtained for Little Hulton East Ward was suspended on account of the war, and so were representations for clearance areas in Worsley Ward.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The inspection and supervision of food has been carried out as usual, and has not been interrupted by the war.

There has been no outbreak of food poisoning of any kind.

The additional powers granted by the Lancashire Rivers Board and General Powers Act, 1938, have been utilised. This Act provides for the licensing of vehicles used for the sale of food, the supervision and licensing of premises used by hawkers for the storage of food, and of premises used for the manufacture of ice-cream, sausages, potted meats and fish

PREVALENCE OVER, AND CONTROL OF, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The provisions for the control of infectious diseases are substantially the same as in previous years.

There has been no undue prevalence of infectious diseases.

One chronic typhoid carrier is known to reside in the district, and every care is taken to see that he does not become a source of infection.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the introduction of a Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme.

TABLE I

Disease	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to hospital.
Smallpox	-	-
Scarlet Fever	52	32
Diphtheria	15	15
Enteric Fever	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	3
Pneumonia	11	-
Other diseases notified	-	-

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TABLE II

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES.

Age Periods. Years.	New Cases Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
0				
1				
5			1	
10			1	2
15		2		
20	1	1	1	
25		1	2	
35	3	4	2	
45	5			1
55	1			
65 & upwards.				
Totals	10	8	7	3

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C.H.T. WADE,

Medical Officer of Health.